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REMARKS TO BE MADE BY AMBASSADOR YOST ON PRESENTATION OF LETTER OF CREDENCE TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER

QUOTE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

I REMARKED UPON MY ARRIVAL IN YOUR FORWARD-LOOKING AND ENCHANTING COUNTRY THAT IT WAS A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. I WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT AND EMPHASIZE MY PLEASURE ON THIS OCCASION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD, MR PRESIDENT, THE GREAT HONOR I FEEL TO MEET YOU AND REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE HAD A LONG HISTORY OF CLOSEST RELATIONSHIPS. I AM INDEED PLEASED TO NOTE THE WARMTH AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT THAT MARK THE CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

THE TIES THAT BIND US IN THIS MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT ARE MANY. THEY INCLUDE OUR COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALUE OF THE INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEING AND A COMMON RESPECT FOR HIS RIGHTS AND
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NEEDS. THEY ALSO EMBRACE A MUTUAL DEVOTION TO THE PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY. ALONG WITH OUR COMMON VIEWS OF THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND OF THE RIGHT OF NATIONS TO PURSUE THEIR OWN DESTINY, WE HAVE IMPORTANT AND CONTINUING ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LINKS. MOREOVER, THERE IS A LARGE COMINICAN COMMUNITY IN MY COUNTRY AND INCREASING NUMBERS OF MY COMPATRIOTS ARE ENJOYING THE ATTRACTIONS OF YOUR CLIMATE, SCENERY AND

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FRIENDLY PEOPLE. ALL OF THESE AFFINITES ARE REFLECTED IN OUR COMMON OUTLOOK ON MANY INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS.

IT IS FROM THIS FIRM AND SOLID BASE, MR PRESIDENT, THAT OUR TWO NATIONS WILL ADDRESS THE INEVITABLE QUESTIONS OF CENTRAL INTEREST TO EACH OF US WHICH MAY ARISE IN THE TIME AHEAD. I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WILL BE DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS, AS THERE ARE BETWEEN FRIENDS EVERYWHERE AND BETWEEN SOVEREIGN ENTITIES IN EVERY PART OF THE INCREASINGLY COMPLEX NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXIST TODAY. THERE WILL BE INTERNAL CONSIDERATIONS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH WILL AFFECT OUR DIALOG. BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO APPROACHING THESE CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AS PART OF THE NORMAL BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN FORTHRIGHT AND INDEPENDENT FRIENDS.

MR PRESIDENT, THE DAY BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON TO TAKE UP MY DUTIES HERE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE HONORABLE CYRUS VANCE, ASKED TO SEE ME. HE EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT HAVING SEEN YOU AND WISHED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU HIS PERSONAL REGARDS ANDHIS WARM CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS ACTIVE AND FRIENDLY COUNTRY.

MR PRESIDENT, THE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT THAT HAS MARKETC SIURMDIOCOOPERATION AUGURS WELL FOR THE FUTURE. AND SUCH MANIFESTATION IS
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CREATED IN VARIOUS MULTILATERAL FORA, SUCH AS THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS FRUITFUL COLLABORATION IN THE INTEREST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WAS THE CLOSE CONSULTATION AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN GRENAEN WHICH HELPED TO BRING ABOUT APPROVAL OF A HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION THAT HAS BEEN A LANDMARK IN INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. MY GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH LIKE-MINDED MEMBER STATES SUCH AS THE DOMINICAN EPUBLIC TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN CONDITION OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE HEMISPHERE.

PLEASE BE ASSURED, MR PRESIDENT, THAT DURING MY TENURE AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN YOUR COUNTRY I WILL EXERT EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO BROADEN AND DEEPEN THE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION THAT EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. FROM THE WARM HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDLINESS I HAVE ALREADY EXPERIENCED IN MY BRIEF CONTACTS, I KNOW THAT I WILL FIND A PROPITIOUS ATMOSPHERE FOR PURSUING OUR COMMON PURPOSES AND WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF ALL QUESTIONS THAT WILL FACE US.

THANK YOU, MR PRESIDENT. END QUOTE.
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